

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the courteous and helpful telephone interview granted to Applicants' representative on May 23, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner proposed language to be added to the independent claims in order to overcome the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. This Amendment incorporates the Examiner's proposed language into independent claims 1, 11, 17 and 27; and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. As was noted by the Examiner, support for the amendments can be found at least on page 4 of the present specification.

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, 11, 13, 17, 20 and 27 were amended. No claims were added or canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In particular, the Examiner indicates that the claims are indefinite because it is unclear as to what constitutes an adapter(s).

During the above-mentioned interview, the Examiner suggested amending the independent claims to recite that each adapter includes a transformation engine and mappings, and each of independent claims 1, 11, 17 and 27 have been amended to include this terminology. In addition, dependent claims 4, 13 and 20 have been amended to maintain proper antecedent basis as a result of the amendments to the independent claims.

Therefore the rejection of claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been overcome.

II. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that this application is now in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this Amendment as placing the application in condition for allowance and issue a Notice of allowance in due course.

The present amendments to the claims have been made only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants do not concede that these claims are not patentable. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional applications.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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